Western Washington
Medical Services
Communications

A Volunteer Communications Team Dedicated to Serving the Healthcare System

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Western Washington Medical Services Emergency Communications, is a non-profit , 501(c)(3) organization which sponsors the work of the ARES Medical Services Team. IRS #91-1869349

An ARES/RACES/ACS Affiliated Communications Team

Our Mission and Purpose

The Medical Services Communication Team is a special auxiliary communications service team, affiliated with the Western Washington section of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. We support the emergency communications needs of the hospitals and major health care organizations in our jurisdiction. Our Operations Plan has been tested in the Puget Sound area, since 1993, and now stands as an an outstanding example of volunteer service to our communities.

The **Medical Services Team** provides trained, competent radio operators to every hospital emergency department , public health, and health care affiliated agency in western Washington state, able to respond when disaster strikes. The team is supported by technical staff and logistics organization. The team is engaged in a program to provide permanent voice and digital capability in hospitals and around the region, enabling them to communicate with each other, medical suppliers, Emergency Operations Centers and other public service agencies when necessary.

Supporting the Health Care System

When the power is on, and the phones are working, and everything works routinely, our services won't be needed. BUT when things go boom, crackle, pop, or a major disaster occurs, the **Medical Services Communications Teams** can provide **vital backup communications** for hospitals, blood banks, medical suppliers, public health, and field support for a mass casualty incident (MCI).

If normal communications are disrupted, Amateur Radio operators of the Medical Services teams can provide the **communication** links between healthcare agencies and emergency operations centers; between public health and hospitals; and between hospitals and their supply lines.

When we do our job, **Communications**, then health care providers can continue with theirs—providing care to the sick and injured.

Join the Medical Services Communications Teams in Washington State

To accomplish our goals, the Medical Services Team needs to grow! We need **Communications** personnel, in addition to many more skilled operators, we need technical help, and support personnel willing to donate time and energy to help the community where **you** live.

We do not compete with the general A.R.E.S, R.A.C.E.S, and A.C.S. teams, we work in coordination with them, to support a specific class of organizations: HEALTH CARE.

Won't you give some thought to how you will serve your community during a disaster? Think about joining the Medical Services Team, or a general A.C.S./ A.R.E.S./ R.A.C.E.S / team today.

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Mission Statement

The role of the Medical Services Communications Team is to provide vital emergency communications between medical facilities and suppliers in the community, local governments, and other emergency management agencies during disaster situations, when normal communications are inoperable or disrupted, utilizing Amateur Radio voice or digital networks, and other appropriate communications media.

The use of this auxiliary communications network and team is intended strictly for emergency purposes, to support the medical needs of the community-at-large.

This network and team will exercise on a regular basis to conduct training of appropriately licensed Amateur Radio operators, and to educate the medical community and other user groups and agencies on utilization of Amateur Radio during emergency situations.

We are looking for COMMUNICATORS who want to support the emergency communications of your local healthcare facilities.

We really need your help.

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